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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Report from Sydney, New South Wales—Plague—Bacteriological examination of rats for plague.

Consul-General Barton, at Melbourne, forwards the following under date of August 7:

SYDNEY, *July 3, 1903.*

Plague Bulletin No. 4, 1903.

Week ending 1 p. m. on Saturday, July 11, 1903: Rats examined in laboratory, 552; found infected, 0. Mice examined in laboratory, 419; found infected, 2.

Plague.—Week ending June 20, 1903, 1 case, 0 deaths; week ending June 27, 1903, 0 cases, 0 deaths; week ending July 4, 1903, 0 cases, 0 deaths; week ending on Saturday, July 11, 1903, 1 case, 0 deaths.

SYDNEY, *July 20, 1903.*

Plague Bulletin No. 5, 1903.

Week ending 1 p. m. on Saturday, July 18, 1903: Rats examined in laboratory, 496; found infected, 3. Mice examined in laboratory, 440; found infected, 12.

Plague.—Week ending 1 p. m. on Saturday, July 18, 1903: 0 cases, 0 deaths.

SYDNEY, *July 27, 1903.*

Plague Bulletin No. 6, 1903.

Week ending 1 p. m. on Saturday, July 25, 1903: Rats examined in laboratory, 425; found infected, 0. Mice examined in laboratory, 531; found infected, 1.

Plague.—Week ending 1 p. m. on Saturday, July 25, 1903: 0 cases, 0 deaths.

By order.

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

BRAZIL.

Reports from Bahia—Mortuary statistics.

Vice-Consul Rowe reports, August 17, as follows: During the week ended August 15, 1903, 86 bodies were interred in the Bahia cemeteries.

The causes given for interment were the following: Apoplexy, 2; aneurism, 1; arterio-sclerosis, 2; beriberi, 2; bronchitis, 7; cancer, 1; cerebral congestion, 1; cirrhosis of liver, 1; diarrhea, 4; diarrhea and enteritis, 3; hepatitis, 2; influenza, 1; leprosy, 1; lymphangitis, 1; malarial fevers, 4; meningitis, 1; nephritis, 4; organic diseases of heart, 5; puerperal eclampsia, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 12; rheumatism, 1; senile debility, 3; stillborn, 2; syphilis, 1; tetanus neonatorum, 1; uræmia, 1; other causes, 21.